

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2896 - HB 2922

March 26, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Permits less than a unanimous jury verdict in a civil case. Permits a jury verdict to be rendered by a vote of 9 persons on a 12-person jury. Permits cases to be heard by a 10 or 11 person jury if all parties consent with the verdict being rendered by 8 persons on an 11-person jury or 7 persons on a 10-person jury.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumes some decrease in court cases due to an estimated reduction in mistrials and deadlocked juries.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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